

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: a - Knotty scene - Boy knotted by his dog - S - 3m20s

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000126.006

Medium: Video File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 16 June 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 16 June 2020

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	a - Knotty scene - Boy knotted by his dog - S - 3m20s	3:21
Total running time:		3:21

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video explicitly depicts a young man involving a dog in a sexual act. It is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality under s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The only likely purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse adults with an interest in bestiality, and the availability of this video encourages this illegal practice. The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention to prevent the availability of publications that promote and support the crime of bestiality.